



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

We want to thank all of you who were able to take the time to meet and discuss your child's progress during our parent/teacher interviews. This is such an important part of the home-school communication and this partnership is vital to every child's success. On behalf of the staff, thank you for working with us to ensure that all of our students are achieving to the best of their abilities.

Our school continues to be a very busy place! Our Ecoteam continues to meet and look at ways to promote the various Eco initiatives around our school. More details can be found on page 2 of our newsletter. Along with this club, our Media Club also continues to meet each Thursday at lunch.

Walking through our classrooms, you can see literacy and numeracy alive! Our students are very excited about using our new laptops to complete a variety of projects. It is a pleasure to see how engaged our students are in everything that they do.

The month of December is here and this means that the holidays are fast approaching. As part of the Timberbank tradition, we will be having our annual food drive collection for Agincourt Community Services. Please feel free to send in any non-perishable food items. This year, due to the various labour actions, we will not be having our annual Holiday Concert. Instead, we hope that you can join us for our Holiday Sing-A-Long on Friday, December 21st at 1pm in our gymnasium.

We hope that you all have a great holiday break, celebrating with family and friends.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2013!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



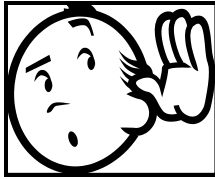
Upcoming Dates

Dec. 12	Grade 3 Extended French Application Deadline for Grade 4 program
Dec. 13	Grade 5 - "We Are One Jazz" Project - am at Albert Campbell CI
Dec. 13	Grade 6 - Engineer in Residence Program - am
Dec. 13	Movie Night in the gym @ 3:30 pm till 5:15 pm
Dec. 18	School Support Team Meeting in the morning
Dec. 19	Grade 5 - "We Are One Jazz" Project - am at Stephen Leacock CI
Dec. 21	Last Day of School - PJ Day and Holiday Sing-A-Long @ 1pm in our gym
Jan. 7	First Day Back after the Holidays
Jan. 10	Grade 5 - "We Are One Jazz" Project - am at Albert Campbell CI
Jan. 10	Parent School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in our Library
Jan. 15	Vision / Hearing Testing
Jan. 25	P.A. Day - no school for students
Jan. 29	Agility Challenge in the Gym all day for K to 6 students



Vision and Hearing Testing

Once again we will be offering Vision and Hearing Testing at Timberbank School at a cost of \$12. The form will be sent home along with a letter from the school. We would like ALL students to have this opportunity and as there is a fee involved, please let us know if you have any questions by calling the main office.



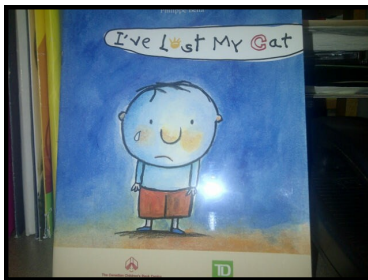
Forms are due: December 18th, 2012

Library News

This month, the TD Grade 1 give away book *I've Lost My Cat* has arrived at Timberbank! All students in grade 1 will get a free copy of this book to keep and enjoy at home. Please use this as an opportunity for a celebration of reading with your child.

And don't forget to continue submitting your "Just Read It" submissions on-line at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/cat.asp?schoolNo=10>

**MOVEMBER**

Mr. Katz would like to thank everyone for their contributions and efforts during the month of Movember. He really appreciated the support that he received from the staff and the students. Thanks to the students for purchasing the many treats at canteen and to the staff for your donations and for collecting donations in your classrooms.

As a school, we were able to raise over \$420 towards men's health awareness and prostate cancer.

**ECO News**

It is coming to the end of December. We have one more project to do. It involves you! Do you know the lunchables by Schneiders? We bought one of those for \$2.00. We also bought some sausage (\$5), some crackers (\$1.67) and some cheese (\$2.98). The total cost was: \$9.65. We wanted to feed our eco team of 17 people. Can you do the math? \$9.65 for 17 people? Or \$2 for each lunchable and 17 people which would total \$34. Which one is worth the cost? Obviously, it would be buying the individual snacks and cutting them up rather than the lunchables. Choose the right lunch!!



Also, we have our candy wrappers ready to be sent to "TerraCycle". We have collected a whole box of them! Great Job Timberbank!! We can collect a lot of points to get something neat! See you after the Winter Break!

Eco Tip: Efficient Energy!

This month, Timberbank has a new goal. Each class will be saving energy by keeping in the heat! Instead of using excess energy to heat our school, we can open and close the blinds before and after school. You can practice this by doing it at home. It saves you money and the heat! Help do the world a favour and close the blinds!

Written by: Grade 6 Journalists (Anda, Arruny and Nila)



Remembering!

On November 9, 2012, we held our Remembrance Day ceremony in our gymnasium. Our students paid their respects by reciting poems, dramatizing various scenes and also by writing many letters to the soldiers in action today. We want them to know we are thankful for all that they do in creating a safer world for us to live in!

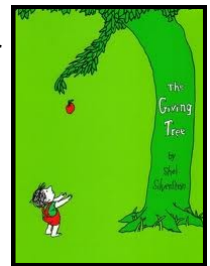


"Giving Back"

Ms Persaud's grade 4 class has been working on their "Who Gives to Me and How I Can Give More" responses to the Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. The students put a lot of thought and effort in completing their responses. Here is a response written by Mu Lei in grade 4. We hope that you enjoy reading his thoughts.

My parents are most giving because they gave me my life, a home, water to drink, food to eat and clothes to wear. They give me extra stuff like toys, video games, DSI, I Pad, costumes, candy, an allowance and so on. They give me a lot of extra things but the only one I want is a great family and I am happy!

I could be more helpful by doing more chores for my mom like washing clothes and a little cooking. I could be more helpful to my dad by giving him a drink after work, running errands for him and giving him a back massage. I can give them both a big hug every day. I have a wonderful, wonderful family and I want them to be as happy as I am.



Gentle Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes. With the cold weather arriving, it is very important that you dress for the weather!!



Reminder!

- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please take a moment to review the attached Public Health notices in this month's newsletter.

- When reporting your child's absence, if they have been diagnosed with a communicable (contagious) illness, it is VERY important that we are notified in the office (e.g. Chickenpox).

Staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

On Nov. 30th, at our **ON T.R.A.C.K** assembly, we recognized students for their **“respect and responsibility”**.

Congratulations to:

Ashvin, Chloe, Kevin, Olivia, Ryan and Shashin from **Mrs. Ball's** class
Alessia, Colin, Cynbia, Emily and Harine from **Mrs. Montgomery's** class
Michelle, Sakanan, Samuel and Sophia from **Mrs. De Sousa's** class
Ava, Anoojen, Hishany, and Raymond from **Mrs. Jeung's** class
Abira, Abisha and Bill from **Mrs. Lee-Davis's** class
Jia, Kate and Owen from **Mrs. Walker/Mr. Mirshahi's** class
Aathrayan, Caralina, Kethan, Victor and Zeta from **Ms Persaud's** class
Alexandra, Andrew, Brenda, Grace, Mahima, Nicole and Shreya from **Mr. Katz's** class
Xin from **Ms Runighan's** class
Abishega, Brian, Elson, Sasha and Sayilaja from **Mr. O'Connor's** class



Our students met with Mrs. Epitropou for lunch and told her it is important to stay “On TRACK” because:
“it makes us proud”.

“it lets us know how well we are doing in school”.

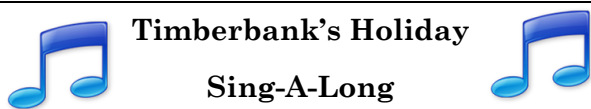
“people see that we're nice”.

“we get a treat and get to each lunch together in the library”.

“it encourages us to do better”.

“it makes us feel good for doing the right things”.

“we get recognized for doing something positive”.



Friday, December 21st @ 1pm

Purchase your “Rudolph Red Nose” for \$3 and support Toronto Foundation for Student Success - Flyer to purchase “noses” will be sent home the week of Dec. 17th



Safety

This past month, we had our “buzzer/camera” system installed at the front doors of the school. When arriving at the front door, please press the buzzer on the lower left side. A staff member will respond and then “buzz” you into the building. The door on the right side is the one that will open for you.

We are very pleased to have this system in place now at Timberbank. Just another way of creating a safe and caring learning environment for our students.



Crazy Hair Day



Our parents have school spirit too!!!!

Having Fun Learning @ Timberbank

